

REMARKS

Claims 1-208 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 18, 21, 24, 39, 40, 72, 77, 79, 82, 83, 90, 92, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 114, 117, 120, 135, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 150, 151, 152, 153, 155, 158, 159, 160, 164, 165, 166, 169, 172, 173, 174, 175, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 188, 191, 192, 193, 197, 198, 199, 202, 205, 206, 207, and 208 were amended. Accordingly, claims 1-208 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-208 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ginter (U.S. Patent No. US 6,253,193 B1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a data providing system for distributing content data from a data providing apparatus to a data processing apparatus. A management apparatus manages the data providing apparatus and the data processing apparatus. The data providing apparatus sends a usage control policy data and requests the management apparatus to certify legitimacy of the usage control policy data. The management apparatus registers and services the usage control policy data from the data providing apparatus, and certifies the legitimacy of the usage control policy data in response to a request from the data providing apparatus. Ginter neither discloses nor suggests these limitations. Accordingly, claim 1, and claims 2-16 that depend from claim 1 are allowable over Ginter.

For reasons similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 18, 39, 40, 72, 77, 79, 82, 83, 90, 92, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 114, 117,

120, 135, 138, 140, 141, 142, 150, 151, 152, 153, 155, 158, 159, 160, 164, 165, 166, 169, 172, 173, 174, 175, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 188, 191, 192, 193, 197, 198, 199, 202, 205, 206, 207, 208, and all claims that depend from these claims are also allowable over Ginter.

Claim 17 is directed to a data processing apparatus utilizing content data distributed from a data providing apparatus. The data processing apparatus receives a module storing content data encrypted by using content key data, and encrypted content key data. Ginter neither discloses nor suggests storing both content data and encrypted content key data in a module. Accordingly, claim 17 is allowable over Ginter.

For reasons similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 17, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 41, 56, 58, 60, 61, and 62 and all claims that depend from these claims are also allowable over Ginter.

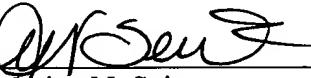
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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